MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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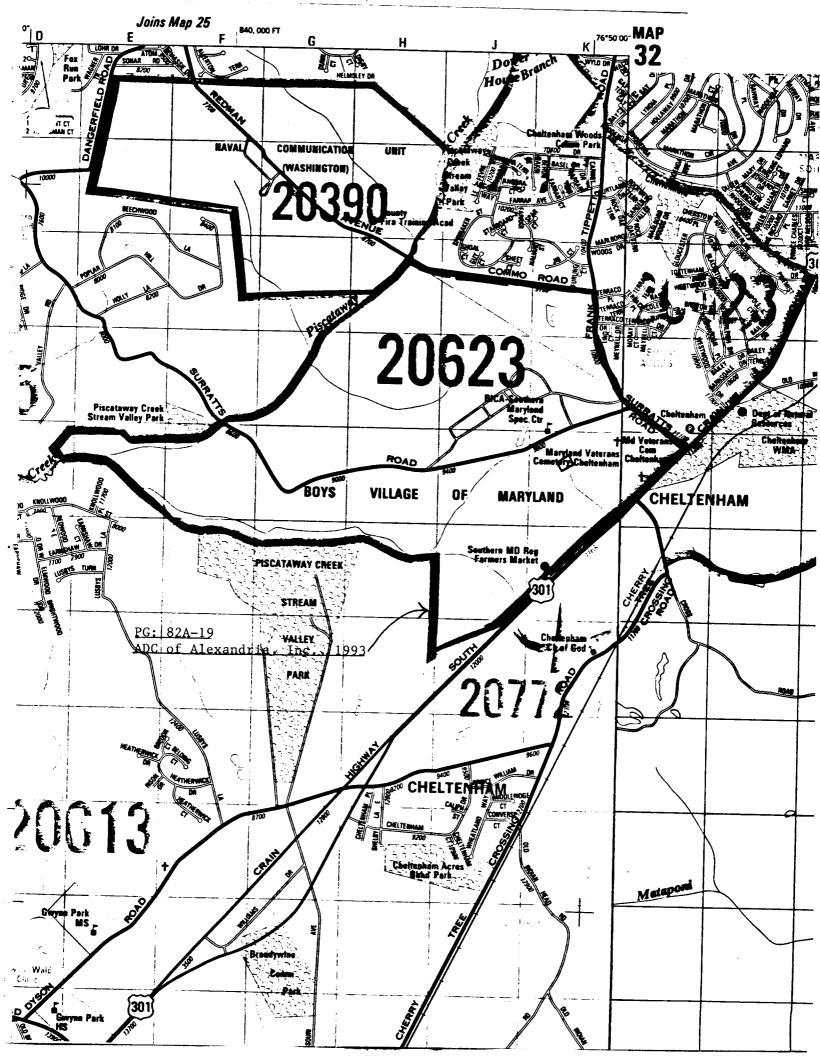
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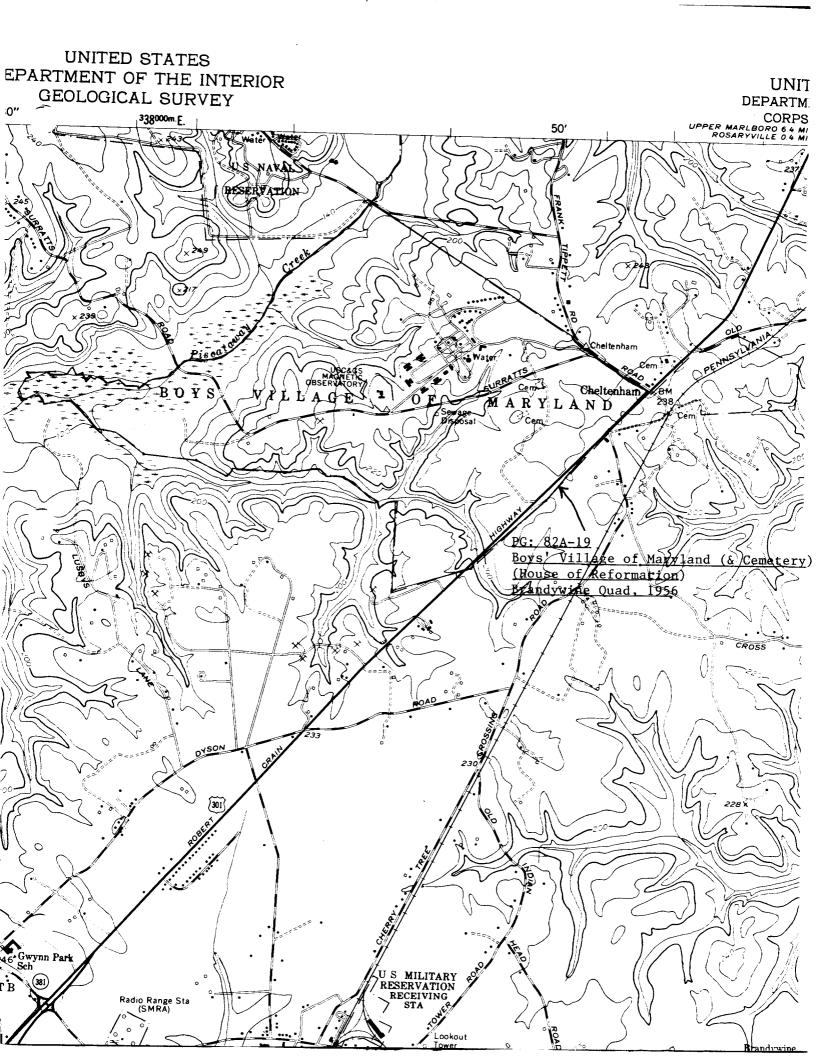
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The site has served as a correctional institution for over one hundred years. In the 1870's it was known as the "House of Reformation" and General J. W. Horn was the superintendent.

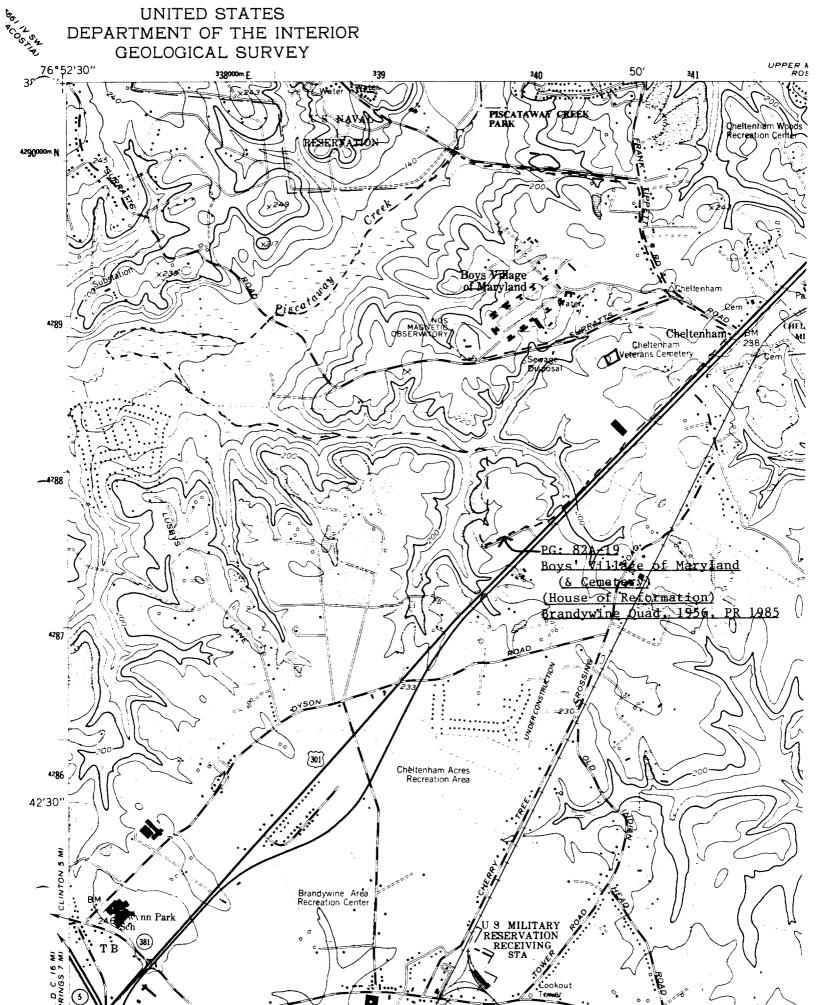
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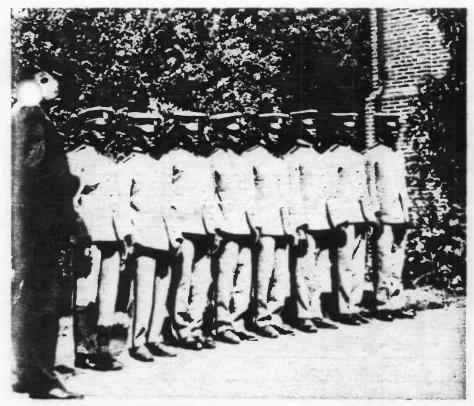


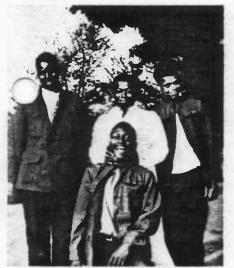




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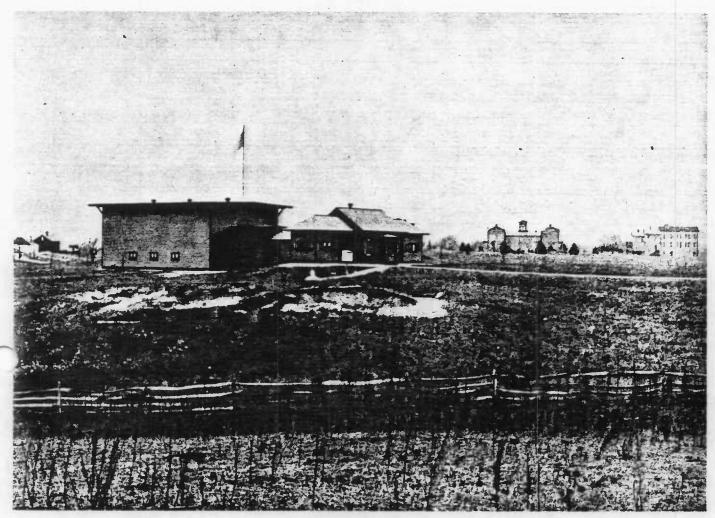
Boys from the House of Reformation mug before the camera. Courtesy of Gloria Wyvill Garner

Military discipline is demonstrated at the House of Reformation in Cheltenham. This photo was taken early in this century. The House of Reformation was a school, not a prison. The boys were taught trades and worked the school farm; they lived in dormitories rather than prison cells. The administration maintained close ties to the local community, and residents of the area often used the facilities of the institution as a sort of community center. Courtesy of Gloria Wyvill Garner



The House of Reformation and Instruction of Colored Children, now Boys Village of Maryland, was incorporated by the legislature in 1870 and built on 800 acres of land in Cheltenham donated for that purpose by Enoch Pratt of Baltimore. Its first superintendent was General John Watts Horn, a Union veteran of the Civil War and onetime warden of the state penitentiary. He was appalled that youthful offenders were being incarcerated with hardened criminals, and was one of the leaders of the effort to establish an institution where, according to the first annual report, "they would be free from the influence of bad examples, and, under the guidance of those who would cultivate their better nature, become useful men and citizens." Courtesy of the National Archives

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One of the earliest federal installations interference for the scientific instruin Prince George's County—other than military fortifications—was the Cheltenham Magnetic Observatory of the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey. Established in 1901, the observatory remained in operation until 1956, when its work was taken over by the Fredericksburg Magnetic Observatory and Laboratory in Virginia.

In the 1890s, the government began seeking a site in the vicinity of Washington for the observatory. Cheltenham, fourteen miles to the southeast, was found to be free enough of electrical

ments, yet close enough to the city and to the Pope's Creek railroad for convenience. The small laboratory and office was built entirely of wood, held together with copper nails and wooden pins. The foundations were made of a local marble almost totally free of magnetic properties. This photo appeared in the 1902 annual report of the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey. In the background are the buildings of the Maryland House of Reformation, on whose grounds the observatory was built. Courtesy of the Library of Congress



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